



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
BUSINESS MEETING OF THE  
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL  
INSPECTIONS  
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET. ROOM 372**

**Wednesday, May 18, 2011**

**10:00 AM**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Chairperson Montaña, Vice Chairperson Bacio, Commissioner Bigby, Commissioner Hall and Commissioner Moore

**Excused:** Commissioner Hammargren and Commissioner Hill

The Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence will be led by Chairperson Montaña.

**Chairperson Montaña led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed with a moment of silence and a self introduction.**

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1. Meeting to be called to order by Chairperson Montaña. (11-2295)

**Chairperson Montaña called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.**

2. Approval of the May 11, 2011 Minutes. (11-2296)

**On motion of Commissioner Bigby, seconded by Commissioner Hall, unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting of May 11, 2011 were approved.**

**Ayes:** 5 - Chairperson Montaña, Vice Chairperson Bacio, Commissioner Bigby, Commissioner Hall and Commissioner Moore

**Excused:** 2 - Commissioner Hammargren and Commissioner Hill

**Attachments:** [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

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## **II. REPORTS**

### **3. Roundtable Discussion**

Department of Auditor Controller

Department of Children and Family Services

Community Care Licensing

Department of Mental Health

Probation Department

Sheriff's Department

Internal Services Department

- ISD Report on Compton Courthouse Repairs (11-2297)

#### **Department of Children and Family Services**

Dorothy Channel, CSA II of DCFS, reported that there was five General Neglect referrals of which five were evaluated out; three physical abuse referrals: one evaluated out, one inconclusive and one pending; and two sexual abuse referrals: one unfounded and two pending.

Ms. Channel reported that she requested VIP seating for the Commissioners at the "Celebration 2011" event, which Honors the Academic Achievements of Foster Youth, to be held at the Walt Disney Concert Hall on Tuesday, June 7, 2011.

#### **Community Care Licensing**

There was no representation.

#### **Department of Auditor-Controller's Office**

Cassandra Youngblood, Acting Group Home Ombudsman of the Auditor-Controller, reported that since the last Business Meeting, the department (Ombudsman Office) visited 22 Group Homes, with three homes under investigation. A Bayfront Group Home staff member was dismissed after an investigation of a reported incident was confirmed by three children at the facility. Ms. Youngblood also reported that she gave a presentation regarding services provided by the Ombudsman Office at L.A. Youth Network on May 3, 2011.

#### **Department of Mental Health**

There was no representation.

## **Probation Department**

Lisa Campbell-Motton, Director of Placement Permanency & QA of the Probation Department (PD), reported that there were 88 Absent Without Leave (AWOL) involving 83 youth: 52 remain AWOL, 15 returned to Group Homes, 12 were placed in juvenile hall, one was placed in County Jail, one placed Child Detention Center, one placed on probation and two were placed in camps. She reported that there were 11 general neglect referrals: one unfounded physical abuse and one sexual abuse. Three group home monitoring reports were posted and are available on the Probation Department's Website, and four more reports will be posted within the next week.

## **Internal Services Department (ISD)**

Michael Henderson, Division Manager, Maintenance Operation Division, reported that ISD continues to work on their response time, and is also investigating a broken sewer main incident which flooded the CCB basement. The vendor has fixed the broken sewer main and reimbursed the County for damages incurred due to the flooding.

## **Sheriff's Department**

Commander Cooper, Sheriff's Department, distributed the Sheriff's Use of Force report for various County Jails.

### **4. Chairperson's Report on Various Items for May 18, 2011. (11-2298)**

The following letter and newspaper articles were presented:

- **County CEO Stripped of Two Agencies, Los Angeles Times (May 18, 2011)**
- **Board to Take Over 2 Agencies, Daily Breeze (May 18, 2011)**
- **Probation Jobs: Fire Then Hire, Daily Breeze (May 16, 2011)**

### **5. Treasurer's Report for May 18, 2011. (11-2299)**

Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that the current bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$801.09.

6. Staff Report on Correspondence Received, and Department Representative Reports. (11-2300)

**Nyla Jefferson, Staff, Commission Services reported that Angie Montes, Division Chief, Commission Services is now Mrs. Angie Johnson, effective May 16, 2011.**

7. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports. (11-2301)

**Chairperson Montaño and Commissioners Bigby and Moore respectively reported/commented on the following Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Contract Compliance Monitoring Review Reports:**

- **Pioneer Boys Ranch Group Home (3rd District), Newhall**
- **Pinnacle Foundation Group Home (2nd and 4th District), Bellflower**
- **Turmont Home for Boys and Girls (2nd and 5th District), Carson and Lancaster**
- **Lifecircle Group Home (5th District), Los Angeles**
- **San Gabriel Children's Center (5th District), Los Angeles**
- **Jr. Blind of America Group Home (2nd District), Los Angeles**
- **Little People's World Group Home (2nd and 4th District), Los Angeles and Riverside County**

8. Discussion and Consideration of the Scholarship Applications and Program (11-2325)

**Staff was instructed to contact Commissioner Hill regarding scholarship applicants.**

9. Commissioners' Reports on Group Homes and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from May 12, 2011 to May 17, 2011. (11-2302)

**Chairperson Montaño**

- **Positive Path Youth Development Center – 35, #4, the facility was visited on May 16, 2011, and found to be in satisfactory condition.**
- **Project Six/Help Group – 36, #1, the facility was visited on May 17, 2011, and found to be in satisfactory condition.**

**Commissioner Bigby**

- **Penny Lane #2 (Satellite #2) – 33, #3, the facility was visited on May 17, 2011 and found to be in satisfactory condition.**

**Commissioners Bigby and Hill**

- Penny Lane #5 (Satellite #5) – 33, #2, the facility was visited on May 12, 2011 and found to be in satisfactory condition.

**Commissioner Moore**

- Inglewood Superior Courthouse, the facility was visited on April 6, 2011, and found to be in satisfactory condition.
- Sandhill Group Home Inc. – 38, #4, the facility was visited on April 28, 2011, and found to be in satisfactory condition. Areas of Concern: Hot and cold water valve need to be tightened. Needs and Services Plans (N & SP) not available, a return visit is needed in order to review N & SP.

**Commissioner Moore and Vice Chairperson Bacio**

- Eastlake Juvenile Hall, the facility was visited on April 21, 2011, and found to be in satisfactory condition. Area of Concern: Increase in incidents of assault on staff since the limitation of use of pepper spray by staff was implemented by Department of Justice (DOJ).

**Commissioners Moore and Hall**

- Touch A Life Foundation #1 – 41, #2, the facility was visited on May 5, 2011, however, it was not inspected as no one was home.
- Inglewood Juvenile Hall, the facility was visited on April 1, 2011 and found to be in satisfactory condition. Area of Concern: Staff is unaware of evacuation plan. The Commissioners recommended Inglewood Juvenile Hall staff consult with the staff of Inglewood Superior Court and the Sheriff regarding inclusion in their evacuation plan.
- Metropolitan Courthouse, the facility was visited on March 29, 2011, and found to be in satisfactory condition.
- Kenyon Juvenile Justice Center, the facility was visited on March 22, 2011, and found to be in satisfactory condition.
- West Hollywood Sheriff Station, the facility was visited on March 17, 2011, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

**Vice Chairperson Bacio and Commissioner Hammargren**

- Trinity Children Family Service(Trinity El Monte) – 42, #4, the facility was visited on May 17, 2011, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

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- **Touch of Life Foundation #2 – 41, #1, the facility was visited on May 12, 2011, and found to be in satisfactory condition. Areas of Concern: Needs yard work, a seal for the freezer and heater space.**

### **III. MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Matters Not Posted**

- 10.** Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (11-2303)

**There were no matters presented for a future agenda.**

#### **Public Comment**

- 11.** Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (11-2304)

**There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.**

#### **Adjournment**

- 12.** Adjournment for the meeting of May 18, 2011. (11-2305)

**The May 18, 2011 meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.**